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Applicants: Peter W. Laird et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir or Madam:

This is a Preliminary Amendment to accompany a Continuation Application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), for USSN 09/311,912 filed 14 May 1999. Kindly amend the above-identified Continuation Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please *insert* the following paragraph at page 1, line 4 of the specification (immediately before the paragraph having the heading “Technical Field of the Invention”):

--Cross-reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/311,912, filed 14 May 1999 and entitled PROCESS FOR HIGH THROUGHPUT DNA METHYLATION ANALYSIS.--

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 121(b), please substitute the following two contiguous paragraphs for the corresponding paragraphs beginning on page 9, line 14 and extending through page 10, line 2. Appendix B (attached hereto) contains a “marked up” version of these two paragraphs: